

## He Has Seventeen Jobs

**W**E nominate for the Iron Cross Mr. J. F. Maloney of Millrift, Pennsylvania, the busiest man in the world. Mr. Maloney is at present giving complete satisfaction in the following seventeen jobs:

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Secretary of the Board of Supervisors.  
Board member of Improvement Society.  
Proprietor of the general store.  
Proprietor of "Pike County's Mail-Order House."  
Ticket agent for the railroad.  
Express agent.  
Baggage agent.  
Boarding-house proprietor.  
Real estate operator.  
Milkman.  
Insurance agent.  
Flagman.  
Telegraph agent.

Is there any other man or woman in the United States who can compete with Mr. Maloney in the number of jobs handled? We should like to publish a full page of pictures of these busiest people. Send in your nomination. Meantime the prize will remain with Mr. Maloney.



Photograph from Stanley W. Todd.  
*Aren't you ashamed of yourself, drawing a princely salary for doing only one job, when this gentleman handles seventeen?*

## A Business You Can Start for \$200

**W**HEN I was left alone in the world, I had just \$200. Manual labor was out of the question. I set my wits at work and did some hard thinking. I always had been a great reader. I began to notice how hard it was to secure a new book from the public library. The newest books were always out. That gave me my idea. There must be many more of the reading public who were also waiting.

I thought it all out. I would spend half my capital for books, keeping the rest for expenses. I would rent out books at two cents a day.

When I told my people what I was about to do, I received no encouragement. "It is a crazy project," they said. "You will lose what little you have."

However, I went ahead. I rented space in a small store, and paid my rent by acting as cashier. I invested my hundred dollars in books of fiction.

The first day I was in business I rented three books. Two of them were to clerks in the store. For the first two months I did not make expenses. The third month I cleared all expenses and made ten cents.

After that the growth was slow but steady. Every month I added new

books, and soon outgrew my quarters. Then I secured space in a department store across the street, and my business increased by leaps and bounds. One hundred and fifty books on Saturday was a common occurrence, while often the number went as high as two hundred.

People thought it strange that there could be any money made in this way. A woman, a stranger in town, came in one day, took a book, and returned it the next morning. As she paid me the two cents she remarked, "I shouldn't think that you would earn your salt." "Nor would I," I quickly responded, "if every one were like you."

Customers who kept books but one day were few. More often, books were out from five days to two weeks. If I found one that was very popular, I bought several copies, and for nearly a year they were always moving. As the library became crowded, I selected books from the shelves and sold them for a quarter apiece.

After fifteen years, I was forced to retire on account of ill health. I sold my library for a very good price. I am now living comfortably on the income derived from that first outlay of \$200. Mrs. G. A. Dunn.

Do you know a business that can be started for \$200? It will pay you to write us about it.

THE EDITOR.

## Look Out, Men: The Widows Are Organized

**L**ED by Mrs. Bessie C. Turpin of Omaha, Nebraska, widows have founded a union. The purpose is to prepare for the avalanche of widows that will sweep down upon this country at the end of the European war, and to better those widows in countless numbers who are already in this man-made world.

"All classes in the world except widows are organized," says Mrs. Turpin. "Yet there is no class more in need of the help that comes through this co-operation."

"Most widows are mothers, and when these women are suddenly thrown upon the world to support themselves and their children, they find almost unsurmountable obstacles."

"We are organizing to help them solve these problems."

The Society of American Widows is no joke. It has a real program, and Mrs.



Photograph from Ivan Gaddis.  
*Widows wishing to combine for defense and offense should communicate with Mrs. Bessie C. Turpin of Omaha.*

Turpin has taken up the work so seriously that she has lost her job as book-keeper at the Booth fisheries.

But she has not allowed a little thing like that to block her campaign to organize the millions of widows throughout the country.

Here are some of the things the widows' society plans to do:

Obtain from merchants a ten per cent. discount on all purchases.

Establish a sewing department, an employment bureau, reading, rest, and lunch rooms, and a day nursery in the business districts of all large cities.

Build profit-sharing apartment houses, including gymnasium, music and assembly rooms, to be occupied by widows and their families at low rentals.

Publish a monthly magazine to deal with widows' problems and arouse interest in the movement in every city.

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